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7 Supporting dynamic data structures on distributed-memory machines 



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Compiling for distributed-memory machines has been a very active research area in recent years. Much of this work has concentrated on programs that use arrays as their primary data structures. To date, little work has been done to address the problem of supporting programs that use pointer-based dynamic data structures. The techniques developed for supporting SPMD execution of array-based programs rely on the fact that arrays are statically defined and directly addressable. Recursive data s ...

Keywords: dynamic data structures

8 Hiding memory latency using dynamic scheduling in shared-memory multiprocessors 



Kouros Gharachorloo, Anoop Gupta, John Hennessy


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The large latency of memory accesses is a major impediment to achieving high performance in large scale shared-memory multi-processors. Relaxing the memory consistency model is an attractive technique for hiding this latency by allowing the overlap of memory accesses with other computation and memory accesses. Previous studies on relaxed models have shown that the latency of write accesses can be hidden by buffering writes and allowing reads to bypass pending writes. Hiding the latency of ...

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HFS: a performance-oriented flexible file system based on building-block compositions 


 Orran Krieger, Michael Stumm
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The Hurricane File System (HFS) is designed for (potentially large-scale) shared-memory multiprocessors. Its architecture is based on the principle that, in order to maximize performance for applications with diverse requirements, a file system must support a wide variety of file structures, file system policies, and I/O interfaces. Files in HFS are implemented using simple building blocks composed in potentially complex ways. This approach yields great flexibility, allowing an application ...

Keywords: customization, data partitioning, data replication, flexibility, parallel computing, parallel file system


10 The interaction of software prefetching with ILP processors in shared-memory systems 


 Parthasarathy Ranganathan, Vijay S. Pai, Hazim Abdel-Shafi, Sarita V. Adve
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Current microprocessors aggressively exploit instruction-level parallelism (ILP) through techniques such as multiple issue, dynamic scheduling, and non-blocking reads. Recent work has shown that memory latency remains a significant performance bottleneck for shared-memory multiprocessor systems built of such processors. This paper provides the first study of the effectiveness of software-controlled non-binding prefetching in shared memory multiprocessors built of state-of-the-art ILP-based proces ...

11 External memory algorithms and data structures: dealing with massive data 

 Jeffrey Scott Vitter
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Data sets in large applications are often too massive to fit completely inside the computers internal memory. The resulting input/output communication (or I/O) between fast internal memory and slower external memory (such as disks) can be a major performance bottleneck. In this article we survey the state of the art in the design and analysis of external memory (or EM) algorithms and data structures, where the goal is to exploit locality in order to reduce the I/O costs. We consider a varie ...

Keywords: B-tree, I/O, batched, block, disk, dynamic, extendible hashing, external memory, hierarchical memory, multidimensional access methods, multilevel memory, online, out-of-core, secondary storage, sorting

12 Scalable lock-free dynamic memory allocation 

 Maged M. Michael
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Dynamic memory allocators (malloc/free) rely on mutual exclusion locks for protecting the consistency of their shared data structures under multithreading. The use of locking has many disadvantages with respect to performance, availability, robustness, and programming flexibility. A lock-free memory allocator guarantees progress regardless of whether some threads are delayed or even killed and regardless of scheduling policies. This paper presents a completely lock-free memory allocator. It uses ...

Keywords: async-signal-safe, availability, lock-free, malloc

13 Trace-driven memory simulation: a survey



Richard A. Uhlig, Trevor N. Mudge

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As the gap between processor and memory speeds continues to widen, methods for evaluating memory system designs before they are implemented in hardware are becoming increasingly important. One such method, trace-driven memory simulation, has been the subject of intense interest among researchers and has, as a result, enjoyed rapid development and substantial improvements during the past decade. This article surveys and analyzes these developments by establishing criteria for evaluating trac ...


Keywords: TLBs, caches, memory management, memory simulation, trace-driven simulation

14 GTW: a time warp system for shared memory multiprocessors

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15 Instruction prefetching of systems codes with layout optimized for reduced cache misses



Chun Xia, Josep Torrellas

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High-performing on-chip instruction caches are crucial to keep fast processors busy. Unfortunately, while on-chip caches are usually successful at intercepting instruction fetches in loop-intensive engineering codes, they are less able to do so in large systems codes. To improve the performance of the latter codes, the compiler can be used to lay out the code in memory for reduced cache conflicts. Interestingly, such an operation leaves the code in a state that can be exploited by a new type of ...

16 Data prefetch mechanisms

Steven P. Vanderwiel, David J. Lilja

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The expanding gap between microprocessor and DRAM performance has necessitated the use of increasingly aggressive techniques designed to reduce or hide the latency of main memory access. Although large cache hierarchies have proven to be effective in reducing this latency for the most frequently used data, it is still not uncommon for many programs to spend more than half their run times stalled on memory requests. Data prefetching has been proposed as a technique for hiding the access lat ...

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Parallel workstations, each comprising tens of processors based on shared memory, promise cost-effective scalable multiprocessing. This article explores the coupling of such small- to medium-scale shared-memory multiprocessors through software over a local area network to synthesize larger shared-memory systems. We call these systems Distributed Shared-memory MultiProcessors (DSMPs). This article introduces the design of a shared-memory system that uses multiple granularities of sharing, ca ...

Keywords: distributed memory, symmetric multiprocessors, system of systems**18** A performance study of memory consistency models

Richard N. Zucker, Jean-Loup Baer

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Recent advances in technology are such that the speed of processors is increasing faster than memory latency is decreasing. Therefore the relative cost of a cache miss is becoming more important. However, the full cost of a cache miss need not be paid every time in a multiprocessor. The frequency with which the processor must stall on a cache miss can be reduced by using a relaxed model of memory consistency. In this paper, we present the results of instruction-level simulation s ...

19 Program transformation and runtime support for threaded MPI execution on shared-memory machines

Hong Tang, Kai Shen, Tao Yang

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Parallel programs written in MPI have been widely used for developing high-performance applications on various platforms. Because of a restriction of the MPI computation model, conventional MPI implementations on shared-memory machines map each MPI node to an OS process, which can suffer serious performance degradation in the presence of multiprogramming. This paper studies compile-time and runtime techniques for enhancing performance portability of MPI code running on multiprogrammed share ...

Keywords: MPI, lock-free synchronization, multiprogrammed environments, program transformation, shared-memory machines, threaded execution

20 HFS: a performance-oriented flexible file system based on building-block



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